

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON STATE NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD

Wednesday, May 17, 2006
Center for Urban Horticulture
3501 NE 41st St, Seattle, WA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray Fann	Butch Klaveano
Ken Bajema	Mary Toohey
Tony Stadelman	Herman Harder
Kathy Hamel	Sarah S. Cooke
Joe Yenish	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon Sorby, Pend Oreille County Noxious Weed Control Board
Sue Winterowd, Stevens County Noxious Weed Control Board
Jeanne McNeil, Washington Nursery and Landscape Association
Sarah Reichard, University of Washington, Botanic Gardens
Steve McGonigal, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
Alison Halpern, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
Shari Kincy, Washington State Department of Agriculture

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an Executive Session prior to today's public meeting. Afterwards, it was announced that the board has decided to create a full time confidential secretary position. A position announcement will be released.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ray Fann called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m. Ray explained that on the agenda there is no time frame assigned to agenda items. That is due to the fact that the committees have become so efficient that the meetings are running shorter. This would make it easier to adjourn meetings once business is complete.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Kathy Hamel asked if there could be a change made to the minutes regarding the NPDES report given by Kelly McClain. She asked that the report be shortened due to litigation. This change was made. The minutes were approved as amended.

STAFF REPORT

Steve McGonigal gave the Executive Secretary's report.

- ✓ Steve participated in the Coordinators Conference directly after the last board meeting.

- ✓ As a result of input Alison received from coordinators during the conference, Steve wrote a personal service contract to have Rich Old conduct the weed I.D. classes.
- ✓ Steve has continued to work with Congressman McDermott's office on the Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act. The King County program also contacted the Congressman's office. On April 5, Congressman McDermott agreed to co-sponsor the bill re-authorizing the Act. As of that date, 100% of Washington State's delegation is now co-sponsoring the bills to reauthorize the Act.
- ✓ Steve worked with Ray to send a letter to Director Loveland of WSDA to recommend that she re-appoint Joe Yenish as scientific advisor.
- ✓ Steve has been working on allotments.
- ✓ Steve was invited by the U.S. Forest Service to a meeting they are having in Denver.
- ✓ Steve participated in a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Committee.
- ✓ Steve has had some interaction with hay growers regarding weed free forage programs. He suggested that this be discussed further during the WSDA report.
- ✓ Steve heard of a proposal from Franklin County to potentially grow knotweed as a crop in that county.
- ✓ There was a proposal to grow *Arundo donax* as a crop that was presented to the Noxious Weed Committee.
- ✓ Steve attended a meeting in Lewis County regarding knotweed.
- ✓ Steve and Snohomish County Coordinator Sonny Gohrman attended the first of a series of six meetings regarding the future of Puget Sound. Steve sent information on the other five meetings that are planned to other coordinators whose counties touch Puget Sound. At least five of the six meetings will be attended by someone involved in noxious weed control.
- ✓ Steve and Shari started the nomination process for seats 2 and 4 of the board.
- ✓ Steve attended a great weed tour organized by the King County Noxious Weed Control program.
- ✓ Steve participated in the Noxious Weed Committee meeting. That is the start of the rulemaking process that will run from now through the end of the calendar year.

There are several items that Steve will continue or begin to work on and they include:

- ✍ Steve will be meeting with the Cowlitz County weed board. He is anticipating that they will formally start the assessment process soon.
- ✍ Steve will meet with the WSDA knotweed advisory committee.
- ✍ Steve will attend a meeting that DIS is having about using technology for communications.
- ✍ Steve will meet with the Mason County Board regarding assessments.
- ✍ Steve will attend the Salt Cedar Task Force Tour.
- ✍ Steve will attend the Weed I.D. Workshops.
- ✍ Steve will attend the Forest Service Conference in Denver if the Board approves the funding for the trip.
- ✍ Steve will be on vacation from June 28 through July 10.
- ✍ There will be a meeting of the Noxious Weed Committee on July 18th.
- ✍ The Coordinators Handbook still needs to be printed.
- ✍ Local board seats still need to be filled.
- ✍ There still is an empty board seat on the State Board.

Alison Halpern gave the Education Specialist's report.

- ✓ Alison gave two presentations.
- ✓ Alison has been distributing articles to the coordinators.

- ✓ Alison has been working on the written findings.
- ✓ Alison has been working on new weed web pages.
- ✓ Alison is thinking of doing a weed forecast web page. She would work with coordinators to find out what is in bloom so that when people are outside they can identify the flower by going to our website.
- ✓ The Butterfly Bush bulletin is finished.
- ✓ Alison has been working to get the Weed I.D. workshops going.
- ✓ Alison is planning on a reprint of the Garden Wise booklet. There was a letter sent to WSDA from the Northwest Holly Growers Association. They have concerns regarding the listing of holly in the Garden Wise booklet. Alison has met previously with two members of the Association prior to publishing the booklet. They would like to have holly taken out of the booklet. Alison would like to know what the board would like to do before the reprint of the booklet. Mary Toohey stated that she would be drafting a suggested reply for Director Loveland and that Mary was waiting to hear what the board decides. Two of the concerns in the letter were that there were no scientific studies demonstrating the invasiveness of English holly. Alison stated that when WSNLA embarked on the pilot project to get the nurseries to endorse the Codes of Conduct, English holly was one of the top five species used when they worked with the Washington State Invasive Species Coalition to demonstrate that with alternatives the nursery industry would not be hurt economically if they chose not to carry these invasive species. So it was something that was on the table to include in Garden Wise and they have done extensive risk assessment for that species. Alison included some notes on English holly as an invasive and some email correspondence between Alison, Ken Bajema and Claude Lakewood, who she had contacted in December. The existence of the Holly Growers Association was not known until work had begun on Garden Wise and Ken brought it up at a Board meeting. Alison then contacted them and they met in her cubicle after the January board meeting and she felt at the conclusion of that meeting that it was all right to include English holly in the booklet. Sarah Reichard stated that while working with WSNLA they did do a very extensive risk assessment. Sarah Reichard stated that the Garden Wise project was aimed at the homeowner and trying to get the homeowner to make wise choices. Sarah Reichard also stated that she is not sure what the Holly Growers Association would like as far as data and if that were made clear she would try to provide it. Steve stated that Alison had attempted outreach to the Holly Association, and that when the first attempts at contact were not successful Alison followed up through Ken Bajema. Steve saw the author of the letter having a meeting with Alison in her office in January. Alison stated that she did make changes after her meeting. She put in the booklet that holly may spread into forest, that birds may carry it into the forest. She also attempted to make the risk of the spread of disease clear from the wild populations to the growers. She thought that would make it clear that we were not targeting holly growers. Ken Bajema stated that he was at the Holly Growers meeting and could speak on the subject. He stated that the growers did not feel there was adequate research done and that if the people involved in Garden Wise had looked at the Holly Society of America's website, there is only a minimal amount of research included. The research on this site states that English Holly is not in the forest. The plant in the forest is low growing. That there are different varieties of seedlings, variegated varieties and others. Ken stated that the alternatives that were listed in the booklet were no different than English holly. Sarah Reichard stated that she has seen individual plants in the forest and that if Ken would look on the fact sheet that he would see that the Seattle Urban Nature Project that the studies they did were scientifically sound methodologies that were employed to get an accurate picture. There was a discussion of the of the lag period found with some woody invasive plants. Some reports indicate that 75% of regeneration of the trees are coming from holly seedlings and we don't know specifically what the impact is right now but if some of

these conifers and big leaf maples are not producing seedlings and are being out competed by holly in time that would change the forest canopy structure. It is not something that can be said with 100% certainty but there is enough scientific data collected that accurate predictions can be made. Ken stated that if that were the case why aren't the fields surrounding holly fields completely overrun. So the growers feel that there is no indication that there is a spread of holly. Jeanne McNeil stated that WSNLA was involved with the writing of Garden Wise and they considered and weighed the impact of holly as seen by people in the industry. Jeanne was not sure what kind of scientific study would be accepted by the growers, but she has seen grid surveys but to absolutely pin down how the holly got there is something that has to be hypothesized or deducted from the information. However, the nursery industry thought the approach as quite preferably to having the Noxious Weed Board declare it a noxious weed. In which case production of holly would have been much more difficult. In keeping it as something that goes to the public, not to be raising it in the home gardens preserves it for the holly growers. That was one of the considerations of the economic impact when weeds are declared noxious. Jeanne suggested that the holly growers may want to do a study of their own. Jeanne state that Garden Wise listed the variegated variety as an alternative as it is non-seeding, non-seed producing plant. Sarah Reichard stated that there are other publications that are going to list holly as invasive and that if the board takes it out of Garden Wise and it appears in these other publications that it will look like the board has something to hide. She said that the Washington Park Arboretum will eliminate all female *aquifolium* because of invasiveness problems. Kathy Hamel stated that she has never planted Holly but that she has it in her pasture. Sarah Cooke stated that she does vegetative surveys in both wetlands and their associated uplands, and that holly is, next to blackberries, the most common species that she sees and that it is very clear that it was not planted so it is coming from somewhere. Sarah Reichard stated that it is more than likely coming from people's gardens and that is why it was targeted in Garden Wise. Sarah Reichard also stated that she understands the growers concerns and that the group that did Garden Wise is trying to keep people from putting it in their gardens and allow the growers to continue to farm it. Ken's concern was that by placing holly in the booklet it gives the perception that holly is not a good thing to have planted. Sarah Reichard stated that it is being included in a book coming out by the University of Washington and other publications so it is not just in Garden Wise. Alison stated that she has several articles that state that holly is invasive. Ken wanted to know who did the studies. Alison stated that they were general survey and modeling papers looking at non-native exotic species and what impact they predict were or are having on the Peninsula and in Oregon on some of their wooded area. She also has a list of various groups that would say that holly is invasive and would suggest that people do not plant it and she has not seen anything attacking the holly growers. Kathy brought up the point that this booklet was a collaborative effort among several different entities. Ray asked if English Holly was the one that has that has moved way out into the forests. Sarah Reichard stated that yes it did seem to be the only type that was the problem. Ray stated that he didn't feel that there was enough information to make a decision at this point. Tony said that his suspicion is that this is a result of people dumping it. Sarah Reichard said that there is too much of it all over the place, she has ½ acre lot that she maintains and she is pulling holly out of it every week and she doesn't even know where there is a plant nearby. It is not because someone is dumping it as she has maintained that garden for many years. Sarah Spear Cooke stated that she is finding it everywhere; she feels that it is being dispersed by birds. Ken asked if it was dominating the forest. Sarah Cooke stated that it was everything from shrubs to trees and that it is very common. Ken stated that to his understanding what is being found out in the forests are scraggily holly trees that are not any real threat. He then said that the controversy is that one side is saying that there is a

problem and the other is saying that there is not and there is no real documentation or research to support either side. Ray asked if there were any native holly plants here. Sarah Reichard said that not in this area but in other parts of the North America. Ray asked about the taxonomy. Sarah Reichard said that there really isn't any question about the taxonomy of it. Ray asked how these plants are getting way up into the Cascades. Sarah Reichard stated that it is a heavy seed so that it was not dispersed by the wind, birds eat the seeds so that it is more then likely done by the birds. Sarah Reichard asked what kind of studies would be convincing to the growers and the board. Alison suggested that either a tour be scheduled in Skagit County when the board meets there or possibly that when she is out she could get pictures or the coordinators could be asked to send in documentation that it is in their counties. Ray asked Joe Yenish what his thoughts were. Joe stated that the one study showed 75% of ground cover in Dead Horse Canyon was significant. Ray asked that Alison gather some information and bring it to the next board meeting. Tony stated he doesn't know if the board should condemn or imply that the holly growers are doing something bad for growing holly. Several people responded by saying that was not what they were doing. He stated that it is implied. Alison stated that there was a large list of plants that they looked at for Garden Wise and that they chose the ones that were the most commonly purchased by gardeners and the ones that had the most serious impacts. Mary stated that this situation brings about a broader question that the board has grappled with before. That question is what do we do with things that are crops and are also identified in some cultivars as wild. Mary stated that when the booklet was first being created this issue was resolved, at least temporarily by identifying the bad varieties and the acceptable varieties, she asked Sarah Reichard if there was something along those lines that would be helpful in this situation. Sarah Reichard said that vouchers could be given out but that she did not think that would work with holly. Mary asked if a reasonable resolution be to include more about the variegated form and the acceptable forms in the next printing of the booklet and possibly a little more wording that states that this is not intended to affect the growing of a crop. Ken stated that if these plants are producing seeds, they are sterile and they are either a male tree or they are sterile and you will not have anything coming back from any of these seeds and you will not have successive generations in the wild. Sarah Reichard asked Ken how long a holly tree live. He stated that they usually live for many years. Sarah Reichard then stated that would mean that there would be a forest of holly for years whether they regenerate or not. Sarah Reichard suggested that an easy solution was to pull the funding that came from the Noxious Weed Board. Ray said that he would like to look at more information before coming to a decision. He would like to table this until the July meeting. Steve stated that he thought the decision had been made regarding this issue and that there had been many accolades given to Alison for the partnership. Sarah Cooke stated that this issue was covered in the March meeting and that it states in the minutes from that meeting that the board backed what was going into the booklet. Alison stated that she left a sentence in the booklet that stated disease may carry from the escaped population that would affect the foliage growers. She stated that she would need to meet with the rest of the collaborators and see if they want her to take out that statement and replace it with a disclaimer. Sarah Cooke stated that she felt there was plenty of documentation in front of the board to make a decision. Ray again stated that they would table it until July.

Joe Yenish stated that Alison did a great job with the Butterfly Bush brochure.

Shari Kincy gave a short report

The report was regarding board training for Sexual Harassment and Ethics. Shari had been working with Barbara Hoff and Randy Ayers with WSDA regarding the training that the board needs. The research that was done found that it would be impossible for the Board members to go access to WSDA's Intranet to do the on-line updates for training. There would be no cost for Barbara to come and do the training in person. There is now a required security training for WSDA employees in speaking with Randy Ayers he determined that is was not mandatory for the volunteer board to take the security training. There are several members of the board that just need updates but there are a few that have never had the training and the first training must be face to face. The new members are Ken, Herman and Sarah. Herman has not had it but we did determine that he could take the training through his county as long as something is sent to WSDA stating that he has taken it. The members who need updates are Ray, Joe C, Tony and Butch. Joe Y., and Tim were discussed and it was determined that they could take the training through WSU and Kathy being a member of Ecology can come and sit through the training if she wishes but that it is up to her agency to actually provide her with that training. Butch asked how long it takes to sit through the refresher course. Shari stated that she believes it takes about 20 minutes. Sarah asked that if the presentation is in PowerPoint, why couldn't we download it and put in on CD's and mail to the members who only need the updates. Shari stated that she did not ask that question but she would go back and check on it. Butch suggested that he might be able to go to the extension office and get the training. Mary stated that would be a good idea to look into. Barbara is available to give the training on July 18th the day before the next board meeting and that she could work into the evening if necessary. Ray and Tony both said that if someone was going to have to come and do the training anyway they might as well sit through it. Butch would like to just do the updates if he can. Sarah stated that the Survey Standards Committee also needs to meet that day and would need at least two hours. The Noxious Weed Committee needs to meet that evening. It was agreed by the board to have Barbara come and give the training from 2 – 6 on July 18th.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Steve McGonigal gave the report. The report for March contains the printing of the biennial report. The Education fund contains the payment for the printing of the Garden Wise booklet. There is also a high cost for the website hosting, but that will go down, now that the site is smaller. The Special Projects fund looks under-spent but there are commitments to spend the money by the end of the fiscal year. Most of the projections that Steve has done show the board coming in slightly under-spent. Steve asked the board if they would like to send one or two people to Denver at a cost of over \$1000. He sees that the board could send two and they would come in close to budget. Ray feels that there is too much work for just one person to attend this conference. Butch feels that it is important for both Steve and Ray to go. Tony feels that he doesn't see the need for both of them to go. He thinks that someone should go but not both.

Tony Stadleman made a motion to send both Steve and Ray to the Forest Service Conference in Denver.
Ken Bajema seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Ray wanted to thank the board members for working on their own to get the supplemental budget approved for the board.

WSDA REPORT

Mary Toohey gave the report. The Budget Committee had raised a question about uniform survey standards and data management equipment, and she stated that Greg Haubrich was the person who could answer any questions regarding this matter. Greg Haubrich gave a summary of what equipment exists regarding surveys

and what the counties are using. Most counties have access to ArcView software for mapping. Sarah Cooke stated that the Survey Standards Committee will be working on getting grants to pay for mapping equipment for all the counties once the survey standards are complete. Mary discussed weed free hay. A letter was received by WSDA from the Hay Growers Association requesting that WSDA set up a certification process. The letter was delayed and arrived at WSDA a month after it was dated. Tom Wessels, Plant Services Program Manager, will work with stakeholders to set up a process based on NAWMA standards. Sharon Sorby stated that she is NAWMA trained to train the trainer and she offered her services if they were needed. Mary stated that there will be hourly fees and travel time, which could be a significant cost if the fields are a long distance from the inspectors. The process will not be set up in time to certify hay this year. It may be in place by next year. In regards to knotweed funding, the agency is in the process of evaluating the proposals. There were about 16 applications submitted asking for a cumulative total of more than \$60,000. The advisory group will meet to advise WSDA on the criteria used for evaluating projects. The Crupina project has been put on the ground. The Board asked Mary about Douglas County. She stated that there had been no official action for some time and that she would locate the earlier correspondence..

WSDA has received a request for a permit to grow Japanese knotweed in Franklin County as an experimental crop. WSDA has the authority to extend an experimental permits. However, growing a crop after the experimental phase would require a change to the existing WSDA quarantine rule. Bill Fredrickson, Franklin County Noxious Weed Board, asked the State Board for an opinion. Ray stated that in the past, before anyone planted such a noxious weed the proponent would have to guarantee a sizable amount of money so that when they are done growing there would be funding to clean it up. Mary stated that she does not know of any legal mechanism that is in place to require that. Such guarantees appear to have been required by various counties in the past for production of such species as St. John's wort, baby's breath, and others. Several members of the Board wondered why experimental material couldn't be collected from the existing populations in the state. Mary stated that the department would like to know where the board stands on this issue. After discussion, Ray said that it goes against the grain of the board.

Tony Stadleman made a motion to oppose the experimental plot and to send a letter to Tom Wessels and Bill Fredrickson stating such.

Butch Klaveano seconded

Motion passed, Mary Toohey abstained

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY PERMIT APPEAL

Since Kathy Hamel was not present at this time, Mary gave a rough overview. Mary stated she does not speak for the Department of Ecology. The Department of Ecology finalized their NPDES general permit for herbicide use in lakes. There were several sections - one for algae control, one for eradication of noxious weeds in lakes, and another section with different requirements for control projects, including control of native species. The structure of this permit was partially a result of a lawsuit about a year and a half ago between WSDA and People for Puget Sound/Washington Toxics Coalition. Part of the settlement was that control of many noxious submerged weed species in lakes would be handled according to a different permit from the one utilized by WSDA. WSDA is still issuing extension of their coverage to government agencies for lake bank weeds. The Washington Toxics Coalition requested a temporary restraining order and filed an appeal with the PCHB. The temporary restraining order request was denied. Appeals of the permit were also filed by a couple of commercial applicators.

INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL: Per ESSB 5385, Name a Representative to the Council

Steve McGonigal gave the report. The Bill goes into law next month and it states that someone from the State Weed Board sit on the Council. The Council may meet before the next regular board meeting and Steve suggests that the Board choose who they would want to have sit on the Council.

Butch Klaveano made a motion to nominate Ray Fann.
Ken Bajema seconded

Tony stated that there should be a back up if Ray should be unable to attend. Tony and Ray both agreed that Ray would contact Gene Little.

Motion passed, one abstention

SURVEY STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Joe Yenish gave the report. The committee has not met. Sarah Cooke has sent out the draft to coordinators and received comments back from two individuals. The committee will meet the Tuesday before the next board meeting. Sarah Cooke will send out an email through Steve stating to please send in their comments so that all the comments can be included in the next draft. Sarah Cooke stated that in the next couple of months she will be working on the grants to get the mapping equipment and pulling together a proposal for which unit the coordinators would like to use.

NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE

Steve McGonigal gave the report. There was a presentation by Dr. William McKean from The University of Washington to grow *Arundo donax* as a crop in Washington State.

Common fennel: The interim decision of the committee was to propose listing *Foeniculum vulgare* var. *vulgare*, with the exception of variety *Azoricum*, as a Class B weed. The committee asked that the coordinators be asked if they have a population sufficient enough not to be designated.

Spurge Laurel: The interim decision was to propose it as a Class B weed, designated except for King and Thurston Counties. Counties will be invited to provide information on presence and abundance.

Common teasel: The interim decision was to not list it at this point.

Lovegrass sedge: The decision was to place it on the Monitor List. Steve will be contacting Jim Comrada to see if he would be the monitor for this weed. Kathy Hamel will speak to Jennifer Parsons to see if she would help.

Yellow archangel: The interim decision was to propose listing it as a Class C.

Himalayan blackberry: The committee will not proceed to list it, as it is too widespread. Some people see it as beneficial.

Lawnweed: In discussion to change the classification of Lawnweed it was decided to send out a notice that the committee is considering proposing removing it from the list.

Designation changes:

King County would like to re-designate Scotchbroom as a Class B designate along SR-2 and I-90 from Mile Post 34 to the Kittitas county line.

A proposal to un-designate three weeds in King County, the first was Saltcedar. The Committee did not support the proposal concerning saltcedar

The second was hedge parsley. A notice will be sent out to coordinators to see if they have this weed in their counties and to what extent. The King County proposal is still on the table.

The third was Kochia and the answer to that was the committee decided not to un-designate it at this time.

King County proposed to designate tansy ragwort as a B designate countywide. The committee agreed to table this issue, and will consider it further.

A proposal to designate houndstongue in Chelan County was tabled until there was more information, specifically from the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife.

On the proposal to un-designate Rush Skeletonweed in a portion of Klickitat County. The committee wanted to forward that to the hearing.

On the proposal from Okanogan County to un-designate Wild Carrot, the committee decided that it needed more information. The proposal may go to hearing

On the proposal from Okanogan County to un-designate Dalmation Toadflax, the committee decided that it needed more information and asked that the Klickitat Proposal be sent to Okanogan as an example of how to write a proposal.

On the proposal to un-designate sowthistle in Okanogan County the committee decided that they needed more information.

There was a discussion on changing the spelling of Yellow flag iris and meadow knapweed. The committee decided to correct the spelling of Yellow flag iris and as for Meadow knapweed the suspicion is that none of the listed spellings are correct and to wait until there is more information.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Butch Klaveano gave the report. The Education Committee has been inactive for a few months and was reactivated by chairman Ray Fann. Those currently on the committee are Kathy Hamel (chair), Butch Klaveano, Alison Halpern and Laurel Baldwin. It was suggested that we have the chairman of the coordinators association or their designee be on the committee as well as Sue Winterowd and Sasha Shaw. One of the committee goals is to be a sounding board for Alison. We also know that it will be a work in progress.

STATEWIDE WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

Since Greg Haubrich was not present at this time, Mary gave a brief report. There has been no progress since the last meeting. Ray would like to see this be completed in the next year.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Butch Klaveano gave the report. Those on the committee are Butch Klaveano (chair), Tony Stadleman and Mary Toohey. We discussed the cost of hiring the new staff person as well as the costs associated with the position. We also discussed the weed survey costs along with funding special projects. It was decided we could not put any hard numbers on anything until we know the actual costs for the new staff person.

PREPARE FOR JULY REVIEW OF ALL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Ray Fann said there will be some changes. A lot of the committees will stay the same but some of the personnel will change.

COORDINATORS' FORUM

A member of the community requested that the board let the audience know whom they represent. She also suggested that there be fewer conversations among the members of the board and that they speak so that the audience can hear what is going on.

There was a discussion of the prototype badges that had been made for staff. Butch Klaveano said that badges should be made for Board members. Steve said that the prototypes did not include titles, since that would have made the badges too cluttered. Tony said that he felt the badges for Board members should say who the Board members represent.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The meetings for 2006 were discussed and they will be as follows:

July 19th : This meeting will be in Wenatchee. There will be board training the day before with a meeting of the Survey Standards and Noxious Weed committees and there will be an election of the officers of the board and updating the committees. There will not be a tour prior to this meeting.

September 20th : Will be in Mt. Vernon and the Noxious Weed Committee will do their final recommendations to the board for listing on the 2007 list.

November 17th : Will be in Ellensburg, there will be hearing for the 2007 Noxious Weed List.

In March 2007 the State Weed Board agreed to have their meeting one week later then normal to accommodate the Washington Weed Coordinators Association having their conference later so as not to conflict with the Western Society of Weed Science meeting.

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